COMING SOUTH TO HUNT DIAMONDS

David Draper, of South Africa, Expects to Discover Mines in Carolinas.

ATTRACTED BY SPECIMEN

Declares Southern People Do Not Know Anything About Diamond Hunting.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEW YORK, August 25.—David Draper

of Johannesburg, South Africa, set out to-day for the South to find the diamonds that he is sure lie unsuspected under the

He was seen at the Union Square Hotel to-day as he was checking his outfit for Richmond, Va. Thence he will start for the search for diamonds.

the search for diamonds.

"A specimen of rock taken from Elliott county was given me for examination," Mr. Draper sgid, "and 1 find that it is identical with rock found in the best mines in South Africa, and I am convinced that you have right lere, in this country rich mines of these stones, "From what I am told, the people of the South don't know the first principles about diamond hunting. They make a few holes in the earth, and then become discouraged and give it up. If a one-carat stone is found in every sixteen cubic feet of solid mineral, it is considered in South Africa a very rich mine. At present Africa a very rich mine. At present South Africa is putting out more than a half-carat to the load. I never abandon a mine until 5,000 loads of minerals have passed through the machine."

SAVING CROPS

Hints for the Gardner Whose Belated Crops Are Caught.

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I the first touch of frost gather all the
naming fruit from the tomato and
splants. They will ripen in a dry
lar. Beans will yield longer if the pods are gathered regularly. Gently pull up the poles supporting the limas and lay them down in the rows—rines and all. Gather the pods while atill green, and put some covering material along-side the rows ready to put over the vines on frosty nights. Lift some prispley roots from the border, and replant in the coldframe for winter suppl. Earth up celery. Don't let frost injure winter squash. Dig potatoes. Transplant lettuce to hotbeds or coldframe. Plant out hardy perennial onlons for bunching in spring. Cultivate. Keep down weeds.—The Garden Magazine. pods are gathered regularly. Gently pull

Stamp Landscapes.

Between nine and ten million stamps are employed in the decoration of the walls of the refectory of the Hospice, of

St. Jean de Dieu, at Ghent.

For years the monks have utilized their leisure time in the formation of landscapes from bits of stamps, and at a distance one would never believe that only stamps have been used in their making on the property of the propert ing, so rlich are the colorings and so per-

The idea originated with one of the brothers who made a small picture of the patron saint of the hospice on the walls

afron saint of the hospital of his cell.

Appreciating the beauty of his work, he prior suggested that he devote his inique talent to the decoration of the walls of the refectory, and with the as

bits blend so well together as to suggest oils. Only three sides of the room are yot completed and contributions of stamps are constantly being received from visitors who have seen the work and have become interested.

On the Ocean for 662 Days. May 1903, the American Consul at hampton, while traveling from Monto to England via New York, placed card, togother with those of several repassengers, on the steamship Tennin a bottle, and stated that the ron returning it would receive a relified a sovereign. The bottle was awn overboard in latitude 22 degrees 30 ites north, and longtitude 63 degrees induces west.

then by that "river of the sea" across the Allantic. Approximately the distance it covered was made at the rate of five miles a day.

American Newspapers.

While eveil traits of the newspaper have been increasingly developed under the cheapness of production, an expansion facilities and craze for mere circula of facilities and craze for mere circula-tion, there are other changes as marked and most beneficial. The filippancy of our American newspapers, which so vexed the soul of Mathew Arnold, certainly con-tinues, as well as their deplorable addic-tion to the use and invention of slang. But they are more generally well written than they were fifteen years ago, and are often more attractively arranged. The number of young college-bred men whom they enlist grows steadily larger. They are better informed on the subjects they number of young college-bred men whom they enlist grows steadily larger. They are better informed on the subjects they discuss, or at least they have acquired and organized far better means of gathering information. They glean news with amazing thoroughness, and they exhaust it from the most secluded and guarded hiding places with the mysterious energy of the streams. Whosever has had to do of an air pump. Whoever has had to do with public affairs has learned that, as all nature is in conspiracy against a vacuum, so, under the guidance of the newspapers, the world around them is in conspiracy against a secret. They cover the earth progress and even the politics of all na-They give foreign news by cable tenfold the fullness of a few years

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has its own special cable letter from London or Paris. In fact, the ocean lines are used as freely now by the press as the line to Washington formerly was. A rate of 50 cents a word from China, and of far more from the Philippines, does not check the full daily reports.

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We have seen the startling changes of the last twenty years. What is to be expected and prepared for in the next twenty; It is safe to predict that the better class of daily newspapers and their readers may come to a mitual understanding that less quantity and better quality would be mutually advantageous. "The Saturday Review" once called Macauley, the father of picturesque reporters, and blickens has often been called their prince. No doubt these are ambitious models; but the press that sent MacGahan to a European war and Harding Davis and Bigelow to an American one, and has ucceloped so many of

Witnessed a Biblical Tragedy. Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, tells the Pittsburg Dispatch of a little strl whose statements were always tells the Pittsburg Dispatch of a little girl whose statements were always exaggerated until she became known in school and Sunday school as "a little liar." Her parents were dreadfully worried about her and made strenuous efforts to correct the bad habit. One afternoon her mother overheard an argument with her playmate, Willie Bangs, who seemed to finish the discussion by saying emphatically: "I'm older than you, 'cause my birthday comes first, in May, and your's don't come until September."

tember."
"Oh, of course your birthday comes
first," sneeringly answered little Neille,
"but that is 'cause you came down first,
I remember looking at the angels when

I remember looking at the angels when they were making you."
"Come here, Nelline; comes hera, instantly," cried her mother.
"It is breaking mother's heart to hear you tell such awful stories. Remember what haphened to Ananias and Supphira, don't you?"
"Oh, yes, mamma, I know., They were struck dead for lying, I saw them carried into the corner drug store."

Ex-Congressman Simpson's Text From Chairman Dingley's Hat.

"It was not I who discovered Dingley's hat," said "Sockiess Jerry" Simpson, the Populist statesman from Kansas, who is ill at Roswell, N. M., to a Pitisburg Dispatch writer. "It was a Republican member. Dingley used to wear a fine plug hat that was a regular 'cloud of smoke by day and a piliar of fire by night." We Populists used to take a shot at it every once in a while. When he was in the House Dingley always kept it standing rim up on a corner of his desk. One day a Republican happened to look into it and said to me: "Jerry, go over and look into Dingley's hat." I did so, but didn't find any eggs or anything, and said so. It was told to look again. Then I saw the word 'London' and saided into Dingley, the high priest of protection, for wearing a London-made hat. It was in funbut Dingley took the matter very seriously, and spluttered and fumed and said: 'It's all rot. That hat was made in Connecticut, and the London was put into it to catch the dudes."

"Then I said: 'Well, I caught a dude from Maine with it.' He wouldn't speak to me for a month on that account." "It was not I who discovered Ding-y's hat," said "Sockless Jerry" Simp-

The Truth Beautifully Told.

Webster As a Help Gatherer.

It did not take Webster long to dis-over the value of kelp or scaweed as fertilizer. He earted tons of it upon is chlausted land. In addition, he

possess this organ so necessary to their its use that they are for all practical

The New England Maze.

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The Cedar Hill maze has proved to as popular and enchanting as I had hoped. It is thrown open to the public on four days of each week; on Sunday afternoon it is most visited. It was found best to have some one watch the young people on that afternoon, to prevent rowdiness or injury to the trees. In certain places that offered special tempitation to boys to push through, the hedge has been threaded with several rows of barbed wire. In the summer of 1902 a rustic tower was built, to replace the steep ladder on which heretofore the watchman had inconveniently perched. A police efficer in cavillan.—Country Life in America.

Poplars Have No Character.

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It may be said in passing that fast-growing trees are usually over planted and wrongly planted. The poplars are the worst offenders. The beauty that they have is ordinarily of a chenn, vulcar kind. It is a shame to plant whole avenues solidly to Carolina poplars, for they never have a strong character. All poplars and willows are short lived, as compared with owks, elms, the better maples and other trees that last through the centuries. Poplars never make venerable, majestle trees and preserve their mature beauty for half a century. In maturity they usually lack character. Often they litter the lawn.—Country Life in America.

Elk Meet Versus Beef.

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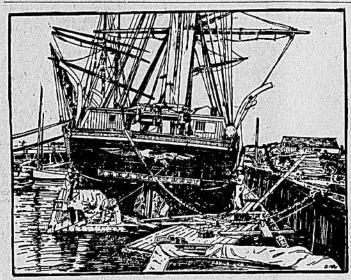
Probably venison can be produced at a less cost per pound than beef. The advantage is in the possibility of profitable elk raising where cattle raising would be out of the question. Elk might be wintered more cheaply, and in case of necessity the animals might live on the natural products of thickets and pastures all but harren to starving cattle. One colf, however, would demise an acro of brush land in a year so thoroughly that there would be little browsing on the same place of land for several years to comp.—Country Life in America.

NEW BEDFORD WHARVES ALIVE WITH WHALERMEN

Some Look Forward to a Revival of the Romantic Industry. This Year's Returns Will Be Considerably Larger Than Were Last Year's-Picturesque Sights That Attract the Tourists' Attention.

(Special Correspondence of The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW BEDFORD, Aug. 25—11 looks like old times on the wharves of this city, for the whalers are coming in with heavy cargoes of oil and whalebone. Whether the whaling industry is or is not in process of revival no mere outsider cames y. Even the was are not wise as to next year and the year after. Seme of the authorities in this ancient whaling port believe that the tide has turned, ormore the change the metaphor—that the New Bedford whalermen have again struck oil. Others say that he ships for the last year or so have been more than ordinarily lucky, but that the best catches of to-day would have been considered but slim fares in the brave days of old. For naturally in such a town there is always more or less sighing for the glories that have departed and contrasting of the figures of the fiftles with



those of the present time. It's pessimist against optimist, doubting Thomas
against enthusiastic Peter. Those who
are hopeful hold that the Jonah has been
lifted from the whale business; the
others continue to croak their Jeremaids.
What is apparent, however, to the landlubber is that something is doing in the
whaling fisheries just now. One stands
to see sights on the harbor front that
recall, even if faintly, tales of the intrepid mariners whose exploits Burke immortalized. Tourists passing through
New Bedford in the summer season—
and there are thousands of them brought
in by the New Haven trains or by the
Old Colony Company's steamboats, which
now make New Bedford the eastward
terminus of one of the popular Long
Island Sound services between New York
and Boston—go always with intense intereast to the two wharves at which whatever vessels are left of the Atlantic fleet
discharge their cargoes and repair for
the next voyage into seas full or wonder
and peril. It is one of the picturesque
sights of America, 'the removal of thousands of barrels of oil and great stacks
of whalebone from the black holds, and
the provisioning of the craft for another
voyage of two or three years. Since Central Wharf the other day filled up with 1,250 barrels of sperm oil and a considerable quantity of whalebone, the crowd of sightseers has been greater than ever, especially as the barque Joe-

captured and burned 25 vessels. Other misfortunes followed after the war was over, as when in September, 1871, a fleet of 33 vessels had to be abandoned in the Arctic Ocean, all hopelessly crushed in the lee, the 1,200 men on board making their escape after a periods the terminal of the company of the lee. lous journey over the ice floes. Again 1876, 12 vessels were left in the Arctic and in 1888 five went down in



THE WHALER'S WEAPONS.
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modern implements with which the monarchs of the deep are captured.

The phine, another of the fleet, has not finished unloading. While waiting to go over to Fairhavon and take at train for the Cape resorts they look over the gaunt whalers, rubbing up against the greasy of a parels, peering with shudders into gloomy forecasties, and asking the fool gloomy fore the business of the second of the standard part of the whaling the fool gloomy for the business. Provincetown in whale as an asking the fool gloomy for the business. Provincetown in whale as an asking the fool gloomy forecasties, once a gloomy

Hawking in Chitral. In Chitral, among the pleasures of a pleasure-loving people, hawking comes first and polo second—neither of them a sport which one would expect to find

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fists. The professional falconers, of whom there are a large number, mostly belong to families who came originally from Badakshan, the home and birthplace of the royal sport.—Major R. L. Kennan, in Blackwood's Magazine.

His Country Week.

Vardon's Start.

Harry Vardon, the English golf ec-pert, and one of the best players ever known, began to play golf when but a

mere boy. His fondness for the game did not meet with parental approval, and no money was forthcoming for clubs or balls, so the boy interested his fellows in the game, and they laid out a four hole links on some waste land and manufactured

their own clubs.
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White marbles had to serve as balls, and as few of them had opportunity to play in the daytime, most of the gamer were played when the moon favored. One of the players was sent ahead to mark the place where the balls fell, and then would return to the tee for his own stroke while the others watched for him.

It was several years before they came that the consession of real clubs and balls.

given them by older golfers for whom they caddled, but the training on the min-lature tee with marbles for balls had given Vardon a start which at twenty-five made him the champion professional

Science Jottings.

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"The little fellow was very much excited that "I never expected or h

with the scene.

"Gee,' he said, oney must need a lot of cops here.'

"Why so?' said 1.

"There's so much grass to keep off of,' said the child."—New York Tribune.

"Why so had the child."—New York Tribune.

JEROME MAY LEAD **NEW FUSION TICKET**

mayoralty to District Attorney Winners Travers Jerome.

The Executive Committee of the Republican City Committee yesterday decided in favor of fusion against Tammany in the coming mayoralty contest. All anti-ammany organizations were requested in a resolution to meet at the Republications with the committee of the committee of

"Cowardice" of Lions.

Of the many lions with whom I have had personal dealings, expectedly and un-expectedly, the epithet cowardly is, as I have said, the last I should consider aphave said, the last I should consider appropriate in describing them. I have been charged by a lion, and he certainly did not look cowardly. I have come face to face, at a distance of some twenty feet, with a family party of half a dozen-fortunately, full fed. They stood, with quiet dignity, looking at us, and then slowly moved away, stopping every few yards to stand and look again; there was neither feer nor meanness in their appearance or behavior. I have seen ilons stalking game, and I have myself been stalked by them. If I could have encouraged myself with the convictions of their cowardliness when I was the quarry and they the hunters, it would have put a different aspect on and seizing mill, unappeared as they came. Our mail runners, attached to whom were a couple of native police armed with rifles, were several times attacked. Finally, as the mail party was camping one night-fortunately for it, with a native caravan—the lions became so bold that, in spite of fires, they sprans upon a native and carried him off into the bush.—(Mrs. S. L. Hinde, in Blackod's Magazine.)

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Among other prominent members of the original Macaroni group may be mentioned Richard Fitzpatrck (elected at Almanck's in 1766), the bosom friend of Fox, and his associate in all his excesses. In 1781 the two friends tried to restore their fallen fortunes by starting a Pharo bank at Brooks's. This was conducted in such a manner as to become a public scandal; but it was very profitable to the bankers. Fitzpatrick retired from it with 100,000 pounds, and, more prudent than Fox, nover played again. He sat for Tavistock in 1780, and was subsequently a successful Secretary of War. He was a handsome and galant soldier, and in his lighter hours something of a poet. So fine were his manners that the Duke of Queensberry left him an annuity, as a substantial tribute to their charm; and he belonged to the brilliant circle which gathered zound George IV. In his earlier years, James Hare and Anthony Morris Store, both elected at Almack's in 1771, were Eton friends of Fox and Carlisle Hare's nickname, "the Hare with many friends," speaks by itself of his popularity in society. As a boy he was considered more brilliant that Fox, even by Fox himself, and Wraxall remarks of him in later life, that "Socially, for ingonuity, classical discrimination and Storer and Carlisle were known at Eton as Orestes and Pylades, and Storer accompanied Carlisle on his mission to America in 1775. He was a wery Crichton in the versatility of his accomplishments. In conversation and literary knowledge, as a musician, a symmast, a skater and a dancer, he was in the front rank; and the library which he bequeathed to his old school is a solid proof of his oulityated tastes. He, too, was agambler, and we hear through Selwyn of his "tooling, like a simple boy, his money at Charles's and Richard's (Fitzputrick) damned Pharo bank."—Norman Pearson, in the Nineteenth Century.

flourishing in a country which is a labyrinth of deep valleys, impassable rivers and precipitous mountains. The former was introduced from Badakshan and the khanates of Central Asia—a legacy from the earliest times, when kings and emperors, from Alexander, the "two-horned," downward, found in it a relaxation from empire making and empire breaking. In Chitral, however, the sport took root, and found so congenial a soil that the falconers of this country are now. In some of its branches at least, unrivaled by any. Who, for instance,

Booth's Anonymity

new. In some of its branches at least, unrivaled by any. Who, for instance, in England, would believe that a wild caught goshawk could be manned, trained and flown at game on the fourteenth day after taking? And yet, this is by no means an uncommon feat in Chitral. Here, five days is considered ample period in which to train a sparrow hawk, and four days a merlin.

The training of the bigger hawks is always placed in the hands of professional falconers, but there are probably faw people of the upper classes in Chitral who are not capable of training a sparrow hawk or one of the smaller falcons. Indeed, it is the common sibe against the poorer nobles that, instead of trying to improve their position; they are content to loaf about their orchards all day with sparrow hawks on their files. The professional falconers, of C. D. Gibson sat on the wind-swept plazza of a cottage at Dark Harbor. The cottage topped a hill, and there was a superb view downward over rolling grasslands and gray rocks, and thence out the cottage topped a hill superb view downward over rolling grasslands and gray rocks, and thence out the cottage of superb view downward over rolling grasslands and gray rocks, and thence out across the broad and silvery bay.

"Whenever I have a spacious view like this, I think," said Mr. Gibson, "of a little slum urchin whom I accompanied on his first visit to the country.

"It was years ago. A newspaper was sending the children of the poor to the country for a week, I went with one of the bands in order to make some sketches.

"Well, when the train drew up I helped out a thin urchin of about six years. Ilifted him into the waiting farm wagon and we jogged off through beautiful rolling pastures—miles on miles of green velvet.

John Chamberlain a Referee.

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Since the Bennington disaster storics of Captain Lucien Young are numerous. His lifelong friend, Colonel Sam Duncison, of Washington, tells one in which John Chamberlain is concer.icd. One day, the subject of equestrian statues coming up, Young asserted that the statue of General Thomas was the finest work of art of its kind in Washington. Senator Beck, of Kentusky, held that the statue of General Mucherson was a work superior to the Thomas bronze. Young agreed to bet a champagne supper for three, with John Chamberlain are referee. Chamberlain slick with the Senator, to Young's astonishment. Fix demanded an explanation, and Chamberlain said: "Well Lucien, you and I are both men of the world and I appeal to you as such it I could give a decision in favor of a lisutenant in the many against a United States senator."

Scientific Brevities.

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The famous salt deposits of Petite Anse, Louislana, are known to have been mined by the aborisinal Americans, as is testified by the stone hammers and other tools found when the deposits were rediscovered in 18th by John Marsh.

The cost of sinking mine shafts varies considerably with conditions. A recent record that is considered very clever work was made at Bisbee, Arizona, where a shaft was sunk nearly one thousand feet at a cost of \$55 a foot.

By using our grandmothers' copper kettles we may rid ourselves of the bacteria of disease. The dysenters and the typhold bacillus disappear in a few hours in the presence of copper it the temperature is raised several degrees. Science Jottings.

A prise of \$1,000 for the most successful series of weather forecasts is offered by the Beigian Astronomical Sodety, At a time yet to be announced competitors will be required to send in forecasts twenty-four hours ahead for a period of fifteen days, and at the end of that time the forecaster who has most closely approximated the actual conditions will receive the reward, wherever he may be.

A French chemist is said to have discovered a method of rendering celluloid incombustible. His method consists in adding perchioride of iron to an etheralcohol solution of celluloid.

Captain Edward Molineux, of the East Indian service, has perfected a device for laying a very fine cable from horseback, and in practice marches it has been found may be reeled in again as rapidly as it was pald out.

Virginia, pine, commonly known as scrub pine, has come to the front during the last four years as material for wood puip.

The municipality of Manila has been the ocean without change of vare.

The municipality of Manile has been the ocean without change of care.